

## **Onsite Wastewater System Assistance Program (OSWAP)**

### **Four Minimum Requirements for County Eligibility**

#### **From Chapter 93:**

"**93.4(2)** County eligibility. Assistance can only be provided for systems located in counties that have an environmental health program meeting minimum standards for onsite sewage systems. The department shall maintain for public record a list of all counties meeting such standards. At a minimum, counties must carry out statutory responsibilities as provided in Iowa Code section 455B.172 as well as provide for the following measures. The Department will adopt guidance in cooperation with county boards of health to evaluate the adequacy of county programs.

- a. Proper site evaluations to determine the appropriate design and size of onsite wastewater systems prior to permitting and installation.
- b. Inspection of onsite systems, by a qualified inspector, at the time of renovation or construction.
- c. Enforcement of existing monitoring requirements, according to rule 567 IAC 69.2(455B), for existing, permitted onsite systems with secondary treatment which discharge above ground, such as those authorized by NPDES General Permit No. 4.
- d. Assurance of regular system maintenance and monitoring for the life of the loan for those systems receiving assistance under the onsite wastewater systems assistance program."

#### **Summary:**

- a. Soil analysis or percolation test, including limiting layer determination, prior to approval of onsite system plan
- b. Final inspection by county or designated inspector at time of system installation for all systems
- c. NPDES permit obtained and effluent testing conducted for all permitted discharge systems
- d. Tank pumping required at agreed-upon interval, and walkover inspection inspection by county, during the life of the loan, for systems installed under the loan program